

## 1 Chapter 40 – Supplies and Equipment

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### 3 National Interagency Incident Support Caches

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5 California operates two National Interagency Incident Support Caches as part of the National Fire  
6 Equipment System (NFES). The Northern California Interagency Support Cache (NCK) is located in  
7 Redding, CA; and the Southern California Interagency Support Cache (LSK) in  
8 Ontario, CA. These caches serve the supply needs of incidents in the Geographical Area Coordination  
9 Centers, including supplies required for project activities when not in conflict with incident activity.  
10 Both caches stock National and Regional "NFES" items.

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12 The caches stock three types of goods; Consumable, Durable and Property. All three of these types  
13 of goods are considered accountable.

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- 15 • Consumable items are intended to be consumed at an incident, with life expectancy not to  
16 exceed one incident, if used (example: batteries).
- 17 • Durable items have a life expectancy of more than one incident, or use (examples: sleeping  
18 bags, fire hose).
- 19 • Property items are items with a purchase price greater than \$5,000 or sensitive items valued  
20 less than \$5,000. Property items are expected to be returned to the cache without exception.  
21 If a Property Numbered item is not returned, the cache will forward a Transfer of Property  
22 form to the Unit where the incident is located, and procure for replacement of the unreturned  
23 item (examples: Regional RAWs, pumps).

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25 Limited Resource items are those items which have a fixed inventory in the national system. When  
26 ordering Limited Resource items, it is mandatory that all Units go through a GACC to place the  
27 request. The GACC maintains records to monitor available quantities, providing management of  
28 these items as National Resources.

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30 Kits have been established to provide a collection of related articles, pre-assembled to accomplish  
31 specific functions. There are over 40 national kits, with an additional six specific to California.  
32 National kits have a standard configuration throughout all of the caches in the nation. Contents of all  
33 kits may be found in the NWCG National Fire Equipment System Catalog. All supplies or equipment  
34 furnished to incidents will be considered "on loan" and should be returned as soon as practical with the  
35 exception of consumable items.

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### 37 Ordering

38 Interagency Cache Business System (ICBS) and the current ordering system are now interfacing. This  
39 interface allows the current ordering system users to enter Supply (S) number requests to be sent to  
40 the cache direct for processing and filling. The cache, via ICBS is allowed to input S numbers for  
41 supply orders that go directly to the cache without the request being created in the current ordering  
42 system. These S numbers must be assigned by the incident and be between 100000 – 199999. This  
43 interface also allows the current ordering system users to see fill information for all S numbers that  
44 the cache has filled, no matter which way the requests were initiated.

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46 Except for Limited Resource items, each Fire Cache will accept and process incident resource orders  
47 directly from Units within their area of influence once the incident is created in the current ordering  
48 system.

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1 Cache orders from any Unit will require incident request numbers assigned by the ordering Unit, one  
2 per line item.

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4 Once an incident is established, contact the local cache to establish an ordering schedule.

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6 The NFES Numbers and the established “unit of issue” associated with each NFES item are mandatory  
7 parts of any order placed with the caches. When placing orders through the cache, it is always  
8 necessary to provide the NFES number, corresponding “unit of issue”, quantity requested, and a  
9 written description of the item.

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11 For NFES numbers, descriptions, and “unit of issue” reference the National Fire Equipment System  
12 Catalog - Parts 1 and 2 PMS 449 NFES 0362 at:  
13 <http://www.nwcg.gov/catalogs-ordering-quicklinks>

#### 14 15 **Abnormal Quantities**

16 Any order exceeding 25% of the established cache stocking level for an item is subject to  
17 verification by the Assistant Director, GACC Center Manager, Incident Commander, or the  
18 Logistics Chief.

#### 19 20 **Mobile Cache Vans**

21 Mobile cache vans provide the preliminary supply essentials to establish an incident base. For this  
22 reason it is expected that one mobile cache should suffice per incident. Each mobile cache contains  
23 supplies to support 150 people working and 150 people sleeping housed in a semitrailer. All mobile  
24 caches are sealed, and are intended to be utilized as a complete unit. Component items may be  
25 ordered separately. For any mobile caches ordered provide, federal financial code, Incident  
26 Logistics contact name and phone number and delivery location in the current ordering system.  
27 Once the mobile cache is delivered the receiving Incident is responsible for the cost and  
28 accountability of the cache items.

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30 Many mobile cache vans are pre-positioned on host Units. If your unit/forest does not host a cache  
31 van, your order is to be placed directly to the respective Cache. The cache in turn will start the nearest  
32 Cache van to the location. If your Unit does host a mobile cache van, it may be utilized at the  
33 discretion of the Unit Fire Management Officer. The use of a local mobile cache van must be  
34 documented with an S number on an incident resource order and the request placed to the respective  
35 GACC. The GACC will then place the request with the cache. It is the responsibility of the host Unit  
36 to provide transportation of the van. (Per NOPS cache, S# will be created in the current ordering  
37 system and placed directly to the Cache and they will fill.)

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39 CAL FIRE has developed a CAL FIRE specific mobile cache to better meet the needs of CAL FIRE  
40 incidents. These contain supplies to support 150 people working and 150 people sleeping. These are  
41 available from the cache. See Catalog Inventory for NFES 8744 under Equipment and  
42 Supplies

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44 Mobile cache vans are to be returned to their respective cache after use.

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46 Federal Mobile caches are ordered in the current ordering system as Supplies, Kit – Mobile Cache  
47 Support Van NFES 008646 (NCK) and NFES 008640 (LSK).

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- 1 CAL FIRE Mobile caches are ordered in the current ordering system as Supplies, Kit – Mobile  
 2 Cache Support Van NFES 008744 (NCK).  
 3 Federal Mobile caches are pre-positioned at each Geographic Area Cache and the following  
 4 locations:

**Northern CA**

SRF Salyer  
 LNF Susanville  
 PNF Quincy  
 LNU Konocti  
 ENF Placerville  
 KNF Yreka (2)  
 MDF Alturas

**Southern CA**

SNF North Fork  
 SQF Porterville  
 SQF Kernville  
 LPF King City  
 LPF Los Prietos  
 INF Bishop  
 CNF Goose Valley  
 STF Sonora

- 5 CAL FIRE mobile caches are pre-positioned in Redding (NCK) and Ontario (LSK).  
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**7 Demobilization**

8 All supplies being demobilized from an incident are to be documented on an OF-285 Interagency  
 9 Incident Waybill, NFES 1472; one per shipment. Any supplies being retained on an incident  
 10 during the demobilization process are to be documented on a waybill, and forwarded to the cache  
 11 as well.

12 To help facilitate the return process, used (Not Ready for Issue) and unused (Ready for Issue),  
 13 supplies being demobilized back to the cache should be divided, packaged, and packed  
 14 separately. The caches will only accept rolled hose.

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 16 Sensitive or Property Numbered items requiring reconditioning prior to reissue from a cache  
 17 should be returned as soon as no longer required. Seal numbers securing the shipping containers  
 18 for these items are to be documented on Incident Waybills. Seals are mandatory when  
 19 transporting Sensitive items to or from the caches, i.e. radios and computer equipment.  
 20 An AD-112 will be prepared for any property items that are lost, stolen or found to be  
 21 unserviceable. Each cache requires immediate notification when Property Numbered items are  
 22 involved.

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 24 Contact the cache with intended demobilization plans.

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 26 Both California Caches will close an incident 45 days following a control status, and charge  
 27 unreturned supplies and equipment to the ordering Unit. Replacement orders received after the  
 28 closing process will **not** be filled. Upon incident closure, a Loss/Use Tolerance Report will be  
 29 generated for all Type 1 and 2 incidents supported by the Geographic Area Caches. This is a  
 30 comprehensive report, displaying totals of Loss/Use rates for all Consumable and Durable items  
 31 issued from the caches. Total percentages above or below the nationally accepted standard are  
 32 also displayed. This report is forwarded to the agency administrator hosting the incident.  
 33 For Non-Federal incidents, the jurisdictional agency will receive an invoice for any outstanding  
 34 Inventory based on the Loss/Use Tolerance Report

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 36 The following percentages have been assigned nationally as potentially acceptable rates of loss  
 37 for Durable items:

Water handling (valves, nozzles)	10%
Helicopter accessories (cargo nets, lead lines)	10%

Camp items (tents, heaters, tables)	10%
Tools (shovels, pulaskis)	20%
Hose	20%
Backpack pumps	20%
Sleeping equipment (sleeping bags, cots)	20%
Clothing (jeans, shirts, coveralls)	30%

## 1 **Replacement Orders**

2 Whenever possible, replacement orders are to be filled from stock on hand in Supply at the incident. If  
3 replacement orders are unable to be filled at the incident, their home Unit should place the order to the  
4 GACC cache. Incident Replacement Requisition, OF-315, (NFES 1300) shall be used when placing  
5 replacement orders to the cache.

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7 Incident Replacement Requisitions from Type 1 or Type 2 incidents must be authorized by the Supply  
8 Unit Leader or other appropriate position. If received at the cache unauthorized, the requisition will be  
9 mailed to the appropriate FMO according to the incident location, for signature.

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11 Incident Replacement Requisitions from Type 1 or Type 2 incidents can be sent to the cache, the S  
12 numbers must be assigned by incident and be between 100000 – 199999. S numbers will be input in  
13 ICBS and sent to the current ordering system via the interface. Incident Replacement Requisitions from  
14 individual resources will be created by the incident/expanded dispatch in the current ordering system  
15 and sent to the cache via the ICBS the current ordering system interface. Replacement Requisitions  
16 require incident request numbers be included, as a continuation of the incident documentation process.

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18 Fire Management Officers shall forward to their respective cache, by April each year, a list of those  
19 persons authorized to approve replacement orders on their Unit. The authorized designees may then  
20 approve requisitions for incidents located on their Unit.

## 21 **Recycling**

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23 The recycling of plastics, cardboard, etc., is highly recommended, and is the responsibility of an incident  
24 to process. The North Zone Fire Cache now accepts a number of items through a new recycling  
25 program. Please contact the cache for additional details.

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- Cardboard
  - Batteries
  - Heavy Plastics
  - Fire Shelters
  - Nomex Jeans and Shirts
  - Sleeping Bags
  - Fire Hose
  - Sleeping Pads
  - Ice Chests
  - Cargo Nets
  - Tent Flys
  - Plastic Shrink Wrap/ Plastic Strapping

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40 \*Some additional items are accepted upon request; contact the cache for more details.

41 Recyclables can be palletized and sent back to the cache. In addition, battery barrels and collapsible  
42 collection bins are distributed on cache vans and can be requested through the main office of the fire  
43 cache when placing an order. When barrels, bins or pallets are full, attach a copy of the salvage log to

1 the waybill and ship back to the fire cache. When pick up is requested a new barrel or bin will be  
2 brought for replacement.

### 5 **Hazardous Materials – Ordering and Shipping**

6 Hazardous materials are identified by definition in the Department of Transportation (DOT)  
7 Emergency Response Guidebook. Hazardous materials are: Any substance or material, which has  
8 been determined by the Secretary of Transportation to be capable of posing an unreasonable risk to  
9 health, safety or property when transported in commerce, and which has been so designated. The  
10 definition includes hazardous substances, hazardous waste, marine pollutants and elevated  
11 temperature materials as defined in 49 CFR, part 106 to 180.

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13 If storing an identified hazardous material, refer to the DOT Emergency Response Guidebook. The  
14 guidebook lists all hazardous materials, and in the event of an accident explains precautions and  
15 actions to take.

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17 If intending to ship the material by highway, the material and its quantity will determine how the  
18 item is to be packaged, documented and shipped.

#### 20 **\* The following directions apply to all hazardous material shipping documents:**

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- 22 • All information must be printed (mechanically or manually) in English.
- 23 • Shipping documents must contain the shipper's name and address, as well as the  
24 destination name and address. □ “Hazardous materials” must be entered as the first line  
25 item on a shipping document, or be printed in a different color.
- 26 • Hazardous materials must be listed by their proper shipping name, hazard class, ID  
27 number and packaging group. No abbreviations.
- 28 • All hazardous material packages must be properly marked, labeled, and packaged. The  
29 total weight must be included.
- 30 • The following shipper’s certification must be entered on each shipping document: "This  
31 is to certify that the above named materials are properly classified, described, packaged,  
32 marked and labeled, and are in proper condition for transportation according to the  
33 applicable regulations of the DOT."
- 34 • A 24 hour emergency response telephone number, with someone available while the  
35 commodity is in transit.
- 36 • Emergency response information listed in the DOT Emergency Response Guidebook is  
37 also to be included.
- 38 • For questions regarding National Fire Equipment System (NFES) stocked hazardous  
39 materials, reference the Interagency Transportation Guide for Gasoline, Mixed Gas,  
40 Drip-torch Fuel and Diesel, 06/09 PMS 442 <http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/pubs/pubs.htm> or  
41 the current “Hazardous Materials Haulback Guide”.
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### 43 **Hazardous Waste**

44 Regulations for hazardous waste are directed by the State. The State in turn charges the counties  
45 with enforcing their regulations. Therefore, determining the disposition of hazardous waste depends  
46 greatly upon the jurisdiction you are in. In all States, the regulations which govern the generation,  
47 containment, storage, transportation and documentation of bio-hazardous waste are very specific  
48 and well enforced.

1 Use of red bio-hazardous waste bags are specifically regulated. When used, contents are to be  
2 documented *immediately* by the user, as the bag may not be re-opened under any circumstances.  
3 The bag may not be taken to a landfill until it has been properly treated. Caches do not have a  
4 method of disposal for bio-hazardous (medical waste) bags.

5 **Under NO circumstances, will any California Cache accept used bio-hazard bags.**

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## 7 **Communications**

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### 9 **National Fire Radio Caches (NFRC)**

10 A description of the equipment available from NIFC's, National Interagency Incident  
11 Communication Department (NIICD) is located in the ICS Communications User Guide. Dispatch  
12 of NIICD systems will be through the GACC.

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14 Ordered in the current ordering system as Supplies, with the appropriate NFES number, using the  
15 following procedure:

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- 17 1. Ensure that the request has accurate Latitude/Longitude information.
- 18 2. In the Shipping Information block of the request, select Shipping Address from the drop  
19 down or enter Shipping Instructions.
- 20 3. In the Shipping Contact block of the request, identify the Shipping Contact and a phone  
21 number.
- 22 4. In the Incident Ordering Contact block of the request, identify the Communications Leader,  
23 specifying "on order" if not yet determined.
- 24 5. In the Special Needs block of the request, include the full "Bill to" information.
- 25 6. Specify if freight shipping is OK, or if a charter aircraft is required to meet the needed date  
26 and time.

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28 As kits are released from the incident, they are to be returned to NIICD at NIFC for refurbishment  
29 even if the seal is not broken. The receiving unit will check with the GACC before returning any  
30 NFRC system back to NIFC.

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### 32 **NFES 4670 – Satellite Phone Kit**

33 The Satellite Phone Kit is a Motorola mobile phone that connects audio calls via a Low Earth  
34 Orbiting (LEO) satellite network when local cellular service is unavailable or has restricted  
35 coverage.

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37 NIICD has a limited supply of Motorola Satellite Phones that operate on the Iridium network.  
38 These portable handsets run on rechargeable batteries and AC/DC chargers are included.

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40 Order in the current ordering system as: Supply, Kit, Satellite Phone, Motorola

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### 42 **NFES 4390 – ICS Command Starter System**

43 The standard starter system contains sufficient equipment for Command and Logistical  
44 communications needs for a three division incident. The entire starter system will be packaged and  
45 shipped as a standard unit. California may preposition 4390 starter systems at the Cache. These  
46 systems are only pre-positioned and remain under the control of NIICD.

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48 Requests for individual or additional kits (boxes) will be honored. They must be ordered by their  
49 individual NFES stock numbers.

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2 The starter system will have Air Guard located in the last channel. This frequency is **not** authorized  
3 for use by the incident for communications.

4 Order in the current ordering system and place to the appropriate GACC as: Supply, NFES  
5 Supplies, Kit – Starter  
6 System ICS Command/Logistics Radio System  
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#### 8 **NFES 4381 – HT Radio Kit**

9 NFES 4381 kits are available from the National Interagency Radio Caches. Each kit contains 16 hand  
10 held radios configured with all USDA-FS and DOI tactical, command and national air frequencies. The  
11 *radio manufacturer* requested needs to be confirmed by the Communications Unit Leader and specified  
12 in the order in “Special Needs”.  
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#### 14 **CAL FIRE HT Radio Cache**

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16 CAL FIRE has 40 HT Radio Caches. There are 20 located at CNR, 20 located at CSR (10 at CSR and 10  
17 at FKU). Each kit contains 10 BK GPH Commander Portable Radios with antenna, clamshell, leather  
18 case and T-card. Batteries are included for all 10 radios. Each radio is programmed to current CAL  
19 FIRE statewide “Group 3” on Groups 16-25. Upon release from the incident they are to be returned to  
20 their respective Unit or GACC.  
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22 Order in the current ordering system and place to the appropriate GACC as: Supply, Non-NFES;  
23 Cache, HT Radio The following information must be included in the current ordering system request:  
24 Special Needs:

- 25 • Bill to information
  - 26 • Ship to information – include contact person with phone number
  - 27 • Communications Unit Leader’s name and phone number
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29 A Federal Financial code (P Code) is needed in the financial code box.  
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#### 31 **CAL FIRE Portable Repeaters**

32 CAL FIRE has portable command repeater kits available throughout the state. Each Unit and  
33 Mobile Communications Center (MCC) has a portable repeater available for use within their  
34 Unit. CAL FIRE Telecom has additional repeaters that can be ordered through the Sacramento  
35 Command Center. To ensure that appropriate equipment is filled, provide the ordering contact  
36 information in the request. Upon release from the incident they are to be returned to their respective  
37 Unit.  
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39 For additional information contact CAL FIRE Telecom (916) 327-8652.  
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41 Order in the current ordering system as: Supply, Non-NFES; Kit, Command Repeater  
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**1 Frequencies**

2 Responders need to verify incident frequencies and tones to use when responding to or assigned to  
3 an incident. All requests for additional frequencies shall be ordered in the current ordering system  
4 using A numbers.

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6 Activation of National Fire Radio Frequencies will be controlled and coordinated by the GACC due to  
7 the complexity of Incident radio usage.

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9 For California Tones refer to the California Interagency Mobilization Guide Appendix. Reference  
10 the California Interagency Mobilization Guide Chapter 50 for additional information on aviation  
11 frequencies.

**12 CAL FIRE**

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14 All new frequency requests shall be placed in the current ordering system with a follow-up phone  
15 call with your respective GACC. For technical assistance you may contact the CAL FIRE Statewide  
16 Frequency Coordinator at 916-327-8652. There will be no change in frequencies without  
17 coordinating with the GACC

**18 Mobile Communications Units – All Agencies**

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20 Statewide there are mobile communication units available through CAL FIRE, CAL OES, and CA  
21 BLM. To check for availability, contact the GACC.

22 Order in the current ordering system as an Equipment request.

23 CAL FIRE order as: Telecommunications (CDF Only) Communications Unit, Mobile, Type 1. CA  
24 BLM and CAL OES order as: Trailer – Communications

**25 Remote Automated Weather Station (RAWS)****26 Federal**

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29 When a Unit requires additional RAWS units they should be ordered using the normal dispatch  
30 procedures. They are ordered on a Supply Request and have NFES numbers. Upon release from the  
31 incident they are to be returned to NIFC. Contact the NIFC Remote Sensing/Fire Weather Support  
32 Unit RAWS Coordinator.

33 Reference National Interagency Mobilization Guide Chapter 40 for additional information.

**34 CAL FIRE**

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36 CAL FIRE currently has seven (7) portable RAWS assigned to Units for use on State incidents.  
37 Request RAWS through GACC. Upon release from the incident they are to be returned to their  
38 respective Unit.

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40 Ordered in the current ordering system as: RAWS, Portable. Category is NON-NFES  
41 supplies. Reference the CAL FIRE Handbook 8100 procedure 344.

**42 Mobile Food Service****43 National Contract Mobile Food Service – Federal**

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46 When the determination is made that contract mobile food services are needed in support of federal  
47 wildland fire activities in the United States, the Government is obligated to order services from  
48 National Mobile Food Service Unit (MFSU) Contractors (National Caterer) when at any time:

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- 1       • The number of people to be fed is at or above 150 persons per meal,  
2       AND  
3       • The headcount is estimated to remain at those numbers, or greater, for at least 72 hours from  
4       when the headcount first reaches 150 per meal.  
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6 If national incident activity is high and a National Mobile Food Service Unit is unavailable, cooperator  
7 units may be used. A second E number will be generated for cooperator unit (See next section,  
8 MKU/FDU). In such case, the cooperator is guaranteed a minimum 72 hours of work, even if a National  
9 unit becomes available before then. Cooperators include state managed kitchens.  
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11 For a complete listing of the Schedule of Items and Contract Specifications for the National Mobile  
12 Food Service Contract, reference the current National Mobile Food Services publication, NFES 1276.  
13 This information can also be found at the following website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/contracting/>  
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15 National Food Service units are ordered as an E number and are called Food Service, Mobile in the  
16 current ordering system. All National Food Service unit orders are placed to the GACC and then onto  
17 NICC. NICC will determine and assign the appropriate units to all federal wildland fire incidents.  
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19 Mobile Food Service requests must be completed and faxed to the GACC at time of the current ordering  
20 system request. Refer to the California Interagency Mobilization Guide, Appendix, for the link to the  
21 National Mobile Food Service/Shower Unit request form.

22 All requests to reassign National Contract Mobile Food Service will be placed through established  
23 ordering channels to NICC. All reassignments of National Mobile Food Service will be done by NICC.  
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25 All release information will be documented in the current ordering system and relayed to NICC within  
26 15 minutes.

27 Contractors may take 24 hours to rest and replenish supplies within the local area after release. After 24  
28 hours, contractors must return to the unit's designated dispatch point.  
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### 30 **Mobile Kitchen Unit (MKU) and Food Dispensing Unit (FDU) – CAL FIRE** 31

32 MKUs and FDUs are specialized resources and require certain support resources to facilitate their  
33 operations. Once a MKU/FDU is requested the goal is to get the resource to the incident by either the  
34 next morning or evening to feed the incident personnel.  
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36 Food Dispenser Units (FDU) - Food Dispenser Units or steam tables should be used, when available,  
37 when the number of meals to be served will not exceed the unit's capacity (200-300 meals).  
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39 Mobile Kitchen Units (MKU) - When the needs of the incident exceed the capacity of the FDU, a FDU  
40 is not available, an incident base has been established, or an incident management team will be assigned,  
41 Mobile Kitchen Units will be the first choice for feeding of incident personnel. CAL FIRE MKUs  
42 should be used first followed by MKUs from cooperating agencies and then rented MKUs with CAL  
43 FIRE kitchen crews.  
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45 Order in the current ordering system as an E number as: Food Service, Mobile. In special needs,  
46 identify CAL FIRE MKU or CAL FIRE FDU, include Date and Time of first meal and number of  
47 persons served. The Unit ordering the MKU/FDU request shall contact the camp supplying the  
48 MKU/FDU to determine which MKU Support Module (A,B,C,D) is required.  
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1 Reference the CAL FIRE Handbook 8100 procedure 341.

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3 If national incident activity is high and a National Mobile Food Service Unit is unavailable to federal  
4 Units, a CAL FIRE MKU may be used. In such case, CAL FIRE is guaranteed a minimum 72 hours of  
5 work, even if a National unit becomes available before then.

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Northern California

AEU Growlersburg MKU/FDU  
HUU Eel River MKU  
HUU High Rock FDU  
LMU Antelope MKU  
LNU Konocti MKU  
SHU Trinity River MKU  
TGU Salt Creek MKU/FDU

Southern California

BDU Prado MKU  
BEU Gabilan MKU  
FKU Miramonte MKU  
MVU Puerta La Cruz MKU/FDU  
SLU Cuesta MKU  
TCU Vallecito FDU

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8 **Mobile Shower Facilities**

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10 **Federal**

11 For a complete listing of the Schedule of Items and Contract Specifications for the National Mobile  
12 Shower Facilities Contract, refer to the current National Mobile Shower Facilities Contract publication,  
13 NFES 2729. This information can also be found at the following website:

14 <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/contracting/>

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16 National shower contractors may offer to bring other optional items such as hand-washing units and water  
17 tenders, in addition to the shower units. Incidents are not required to order or use these items from national  
18 contractors. Units should use local vendors to fill these needs when possible.

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20 All requests to reassign National Contract Shower units will be placed through established ordering  
21 channels to NICC. All reassignments of National Shower units will be done by NICC. All release  
22 information will be documented on the resource order and relayed to NICC within 15 minutes.

23 Contractors may take 24 hours to rest and replenish supplies within the local area after release. After 24  
24 hours, contractors must return to the units' designated dispatch point.

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26 National Mobile Shower Facilities are ordered as an E number and are called Shower, Mobile in  
27 the current ordering system. All National Mobile Shower Facilities orders are placed to the GACC and  
28 then onto NICC. NICC will determine and assign the appropriate units to all federal wildland fire  
29 incidents.

30 The National Mobile Food Service/Shower Unit request form must be completed and faxed to the  
31 GACC, at time of the current ordering system request. Refer to the California Interagency Mobilization  
32 Guide, Appendix, for the link to the form.

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34 **CAL FIRE**

35 Requests for showers on CAL FIRE incidents will follow CAL FIRE Hired Equipment Guidelines. Refer  
36 to Hired Equipment in the California Interagency Mobilization Guide, Chapter 40.

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38 **Mobile Saw Trailer – CAL FIRE**

39 CAL FIRE has a Mobile Saw Trailer available from the Mt Bullion Camp, Madera Mariposa Unit. This  
40 trailer comes equipped with enough supplies (bars, chain, filters, parts, etc.) to support an incident for 5  
41 days. The trailer is staffed with 1 Fire Captain, 1 CDCR Officer and 2 CDCR Inmates.

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1 Order in the current ordering system as: Equipment, Trailer. In Special Needs state Mt Bullion Saw Trailer.

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### 3 **Hired Equipment**

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#### 5 **Forest Service Incidents – Contract/Hired Equipment (non-National Contract)**

6 Use the R-5 Expanded Dispatch Guide for VIPR, DPL, IBVPA, Incident Only/EERA

7 <https://gacc.nifc.gov/oncc/equipmentSupplies.php>

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9 For Incident Procurement and Fire Contract Clarification/Assistance, reference:

10 <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r5/fire-aviation/management/?cid=stelprdb5303034>

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12 Each host dispatch center will give dispatch priority to the resource offering the greatest advantage to the  
13 Government **before** all other private resources not under Agreement with the following exceptions:

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- 15 • For Immediate Need/Initial Attack, dispatchers will follow the “closest forces” concept and  
16 utilize locally available resources according to agency and incident needs.
- 17 • Tribal preference policy established within reservation jurisdiction

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#### 19 **CAL FIRE Incidents – Contract/Hired Equipment**

20 The Hired Equipment Management System (HEMS) will be used for dispatching immediate need and  
21 planned need fireline dozers and water tenders, as well as, support equipment. Reference CAL FIRE  
22 Handbook 10,000 and CAL FIRE Handbook 8100.

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#### 24 **Unified Command Incidents – Contract/Hired Equipment – State and Federal**

25 The following criteria will be considered when determining which Hired Equipment system will be used  
26 at unified command incidents.

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- 28 • DPA – current and threatened
- 29 • Unified Ordering Point
- 30 • Early coordination with expanded dispatch between finance and logistics functions
- 31 • Access to various agencies hired equipment programs and agency personnel to use their  
32 respective programs

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